



American Citizen Services Unit
U.S. Embassy Santo Domingo
Warden Message



TO: American Citizens and Consular Wardens

FROM: ACS Unit

DATE: August 3, 2010

SUBJECT: Tropical Storm Colin

The U.S. Embassy is transmitting the following Warden Message to alert U.S. citizens to the development and progress of Tropical Storm Colin.

The National Hurricane Center reports that as of 11 a.m. August 3, Tropical Storm Colin is located about 840 miles east-southeast of the Leeward Islands.

The storm is moving rapidly toward the west near 24 mph. A gradual turn toward the west-northwest is expected during the next couple of days. Maximum sustained winds are near 40 mph with higher gusts. Some slow strengthening is forecast during the next 48 hours. Tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 35 miles from the center. The National Hurricane Center is advising interests in the northern Leeward Islands and the Virgin Islands to monitor the progress of Tropical Storm Colin. On its current track, the storm is forecast to pass to the northeast and north of the Leeward Islands late Wednesday and early Thursday.

U.S. citizens should monitor local radio, the [National Weather Service](#) and local media to stay aware of any weather developments in their area. For official information from the Dominican Government regarding weather conditions, please visit the [ONAMET website](#) and the [COE website](#).

Minor tropical storms can develop into hurricanes very quickly, limiting the time available for a safe evacuation. Travelers should apprise family and friends in the United States of their whereabouts, and keep in close contact with their tour operator, hotel staff, and local officials for evacuation instructions in the event of a weather emergency. Travelers should also protect their travel and identity documents against loss or damage, as the need to replace lost documentation could hamper or delay return to the United States.

The U.S. Embassy will update this warden message if new information becomes available. American citizens should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

American citizens traveling or residing overseas are encouraged to register with the appropriate U.S. Embassy or Consulate on the [State Department's travel registration website](#).

The Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy is located at the corner of Cesar Nicolas Penson Street and Maximo Gomez Avenue, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; the ACS Unit's fax number is 809-689-6142; the e-mail address is acssantodom@state.gov; and there is an [ACS page on the Embassy website](#). For any emergencies involving American citizens out of regular business hours or over the weekends, please call 809-221-2171 and ask to speak to the duty officer.